

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

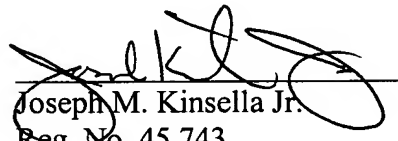
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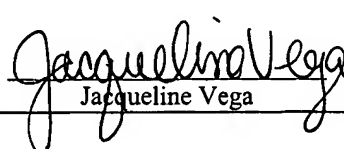
Upon entry of the foregoing, the applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for substantive examination.

If any charges or fees are required with this communication, the applicant authorizes that such charges or fees may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 50-0545.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 2, 2007

  
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